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Representative Jill Norgaard (R-18)

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Rep. Norgaard Congratulates Kyrene District for Receiving Dyslexia Preschool Pilot Grant *Arizona Continues to Pioneer New Solutions for Dyslexia Identification*

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Representative Jill Norgaard (R-18) today congratulated the Kyrene School District for announcing a groundbreaking public-private collaborative project to offer the first in-school intervention for preschoolers with dyslexia. Rep. Norgaard, along with local and statewide stakeholders, have been working on this plan since January.

“By offering the resources needed to identify dyslexia in students at the earliest age of their education, we’re making giant leaps toward closing the achievement gap,” said Representative Norgaard. **“I hope our efforts in Kyrene School District will inspire other school districts across the state to dedicate resources into early detection of dyslexia.”**

Kyrene will now be the first public school in the nation to offer intervention to students identified with dyslexia, regardless if they qualify as a student with a disability under the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). These services will be offered to students enrolled in targeted pilot preschools.

Earlier this year Representative Norgaard [introduced legislation](#) that was signed into law by Governor Ducey, establishing a [dyslexia handbook](#) to help parents and teachers better identify and support students with dyslexia in Arizona.

A celebration of the grant is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17 at 11:00 a.m. at Kyrene de los Niños Elementary School, located at 1330 E. Dava Drive in Tempe, Arizona.

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